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a plurality of electrically conductive surface portions disposed on the at least two branches, said plurality of electrically conductive surface portions [being electrically connected by way of the electrode lead to an electrical pulse-discharging device] at the proximal end of the electrode lead, wherein the at least two branches include a septal branch and a lateral branch, and the septal branch and lateral branch each have an equal number of electrically conductive surface portions disposed thereon, and each electrically conductive surface portion of the septal branch is unambiguously associated with an electrically conductive surface portion of the lateral branch.

Please amend claims 14-17, and 19 as follows:

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14. (Amended) The electrode arrangement according to claim 20, further comprising a sliding sleeve displaceable in a longitudinal direction of the electrode lead and actuating means for actuating the sliding sleeve wherein said central core is of one-piece construction in the form of a spring element and causes the branches to split apart when the actuating means moves the sliding sleeve toward the proximal end of the electrode lead.

15. (Amended) The electrode arrangement according to claim 20, further comprising a sliding sleeve displaceable in a longitudinal direction of the electrode lead, means for actuating the sliding sleeve to split the at least two branches apart, and means for heating the memory member structure so that the shape of the memory member structure can change to maintain good contact between each branch and a wall of the atrium or the ventricle.

16. (Amended) The electrode arrangement according to claim 15, wherein the memory member structure in at least one of the at least two branches is activatable

simultaneously or after the actuating of the sliding sleeve, and a first branch assumes a shape as the septal branch and a second branch assumes a shape as the lateral branch for respectively assuming a septal position and a lateral position in one of the atrium and the ventricle of the heart.

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17. (Amended) The electrode arrangement according to claim 15, wherein at least one memory member structure, in at least one of the branches, experiences a predetermined change in shape by being heated above a predetermined temperature.

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19. (Amended) The electrode arrangement according to claim 20, wherein the electrode lead is split into three different branches.